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# Proposed strategic framework for the period 2012-2013

## Part two: biennial programme plan

## Programme 8
## Least developed countries, landlocked developing countries and small island developing States

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## Overall orientation

8.1 The legislative authority for the programme derives from General Assembly resolutions 55/279, by which the Assembly endorsed the Programme of Action for the Least Developed Countries for the Decade 2001-2010, adopted at the Third United Nations Conference on the Least Developed Countries, held in Brussels in May 2001, and 56/227, whereby the Assembly decided to establish the Office of the High Representative for the Least Developed Countries, Landlocked Developing Countries and Small Island Developing States in accordance with the recommendations of the Secretary-General contained in his report of 23 November 2001 (A/56/645 and Add.1 and Add.1/Corr.1 and 2).

8.2 The mandate of the programme covers four main elements:

(a) Mobilization and coordination of international support and resources for the effective implementation of: (i) the new programme of action for the least developed countries, to be adopted at the forthcoming Fourth United Nations Conference on the Least Developed Countries, to be held in 2011 in Turkey; (ii) the Almaty Programme of Action: Addressing the Special Needs of Landlocked Developing Countries within a New Global Framework for Transit Transport Cooperation for Landlocked and Transit Developing Countries; and (iii) the Mauritius Strategy for the Further Implementation of the Programme of Action for the Sustainable Development of Small Island Developing States;

(b) Enhanced monitoring and follow-up to the three programmes of action;

(c) Awareness-raising and advocacy with respect to the three groups of countries (least developed countries, landlocked developing countries and small island developing States) and the related programmes of action;

(d) Reporting on the implementation of the new programme of action for the least developed countries and the Almaty Programme of Action as effective tools for reaching the international development goals of the countries concerned.

8.3 The programme will also contribute to achieving the internationally agreed development goals, including those contained in the United Nations Millennium Declaration and in the outcomes of major United Nations conferences and international agreements. It will mobilize international support in favour of its three groups of constituencies in the areas of capacity-building and increased technical and financial resources in promoting sustained growth and sustainable development. Gender is an important dimension in the implementation of the three programmes of action.

8.4 The overall programme of work of the Office of the High Representative is designed around three interdependent and complementary subprogrammes, namely, subprogramme 1, Least developed countries, subprogramme 2, Landlocked developing countries, and subprogramme 3, Small island developing States.

8.5 With a view to addressing the objectives in each of the three main areas of endeavour, the Office of the High Representative will use a combination of the following approaches and strategies:

(a) Raising awareness and advocating that the concerns of the least developed countries, landlocked developing countries and small island developing States be placed high on the global development cooperation agenda, to maintain the

focus on their special needs and ensure that global economic governance, coherence and solidarity are brought to bear on the problems and challenges relating to these three groups of vulnerable countries;

(b) Mobilizing international support and resources in favour of the three groups of countries to help them overcome their vulnerabilities, build resilience and set themselves on a path of economically, socially and environmentally sustained and sustainable development;

(c) Monitoring and follow-up to foster supportive policies in groups of countries in special situations and their development partners in accordance with their respective programmes of action and other internationally agreed development goals;

(d) Working with the United Nations system and other international organizations, including regional organizations, the donor community and civil society, to ensure the mainstreaming of priorities identified in each of the three programmes of action;

(e) Supporting the effective participation of the least developed countries in intergovernmental processes, including through the articulation of their needs, concerns and interests, and continuing to make the case that these three groups of countries deserve special consideration and treatment in order to overcome their vulnerabilities;

(f) Building partnerships towards the implementation of the Almaty Programme of Action by establishing coordinating mechanisms for its implementation at the national, subregional and global levels;

(g) Monitoring and coordinating implementation of specific actions and initiatives with the aim of establishing efficient transit transport systems in landlocked and transit developing countries;

(h) Promoting South-South cooperation in various areas for the benefit of the countries of the three groups;

(i) Reaching out to all stakeholders, including partnerships with civil society and the private sector, to enhance support for the three groups of countries;

(j) Maximizing synergies among the three subprogrammes, given the commonalities of problems and challenges, including their structural weaknesses, their vulnerability to external shocks, the smallness of their economies, their marginal position in the world economy and their geographical disadvantages.

## Subprogramme 1
## Least developed countries

**Objective of the Organization**: To enable the least developed countries to overcome their vulnerabilities and build resilience to achieve the Millennium Development Goals and the internationally agreed development goals; and to mobilize international support for their sustained economic growth and sustainable development

| Expected accomplishments of the Secretariat | Indicators of achievement |
|---|---|
| (a) Strengthened partnership between the least developed countries and development partners | (a) Increased number of measures undertaken by development partners in support of the development of the least developed countries |
| (b) Enhanced capacity of least developed countries to mainstream the new programme of action, the Millennium Development Goals and internationally agreed development goals into their national development strategies | (b) Increased number of least developed countries mainstreaming the new programme of action, the Millennium Development Goals and internationally agreed development goals into their national development strategies |
| (c) Enhanced coordination among United Nations entities and other international and multilateral organizations to ensure integrated follow-up and support for the least developed countries | (c) (i) Increased number of United Nations entities and other international and multilateral organizations that maintain and report on their activities in support of the least developed countries<br>(ii) Increased number of joint activities, including task forces, workshops, seminars, panels, briefings and publications |

**Strategy**

8.6 In order to achieve the foregoing objective, the strategy for the Least Developed Countries Unit will focus on:

(a) Raising awareness about the special needs of least developed countries and advocating in favour of their special treatment;

(b) Mobilizing international support and resources in support of the development objectives of least developed countries;

(c) Strengthening United Nations system coordination and coherence and building partnerships in support of the development objectives of least developed countries;

(d) Monitoring and coordinating implementation of specific actions and initiatives aimed at addressing the vulnerabilities of least developed countries;

(e) Building the capacity of least developed countries for the effective implementation of their development strategies and policies addressing the internationally agreed development goals at the country level;

(f) Undertaking outreach to all relevant stakeholders in the process;

(g) Establishing partnerships, including with civil society organizations, foundations and the private sector, in support of least developed countries;

(h) Facilitating the effective participation of least developed countries in the decision-making of various intergovernmental bodies, which will contribute towards the achievement of the internationally agreed development goals.

## Subprogramme 2
## Landlocked developing countries

**Objective of the Organization**: To ensure effective implementation of the Almaty Programme of Action: Addressing the Special Needs of Landlocked Developing Countries within a New Global Framework for Transit Transport Cooperation for Landlocked and Transit Developing Countries

| Expected accomplishments of the Secretariat | Indicators of achievement |
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| (a) Progress towards establishing efficient transit transport systems and reducing trade transaction costs | (a) (i) Increased number of specific actions, such as standardization and simplification of procedures for border crossing, taken by landlocked and transit developing countries<br><br>(ii) Increased number of activities by the United Nations system and other development partners in support of the implementation of the Almaty Programme of Action |
| (b) Increased international resources in support of the special needs of landlocked developing countries | (b) Increased percentage of official development assistance in support of landlocked developing countries allocated for aid-for-trade purposes |

**Strategy**

8.7 In order to achieve the foregoing objective, the strategy for the Landlocked Developing Countries Unit will focus on:

(a) Supporting the building of partnerships for the implementation of the Almaty Programme of Action at the national, subregional and global levels;

(b) Improving linkages between other parts of the United Nations system and focal points in individual organizations and the relevant subregional, regional and other international organizations, and enhancing cooperation and coordination between the United Nations system and them, particularly those engaged in operational activities on the ground in landlocked and transit developing countries;

(c) Monitoring and coordinating implementation of specific actions and initiatives aimed at establishing efficient transit transport systems in landlocked and transit developing countries;

(d) Raising awareness and advocating and mobilizing support, including financial and technical resources, for the implementation of the Almaty Programme of Action.

## Subprogramme 3
## Small island developing States

**Objective of the Organization**: To foster the achievement of the Mauritius Strategy for the Further Implementation of the Programme of Action for the Sustainable Development of Small Island Developing States

| Expected accomplishments of the Secretariat | Indicators of achievement |
|---|---|
| (a) Strengthened international support for the implementation of the Mauritius Strategy for the Further Implementation of the Programme of Action for the Sustainable Development of Small Island Developing States | (a) Increased number of United Nations and other international organizations and donors according special focus to issues relating to small island developing States |
| (b) Enhanced international support to small island developing States to enable them to adequately adapt to climate change | (b) Increased number of support measures by development partners to assist small island developing States in adapting to climate change |
| (c) Enhanced inter-agency collaboration and partnerships in support of small island developing States | (c) Increased number of joint programmes and activities, including seminars, panels, briefings and publications |

**Strategy**

8.8 In order to achieve the foregoing objective, the strategy of the Small Island Developing States Unit will focus on:

(a) Promoting awareness about the issues, priorities and special needs of small island developing States, including the challenges of climate change, through consistent advocacy at the global and regional levels;

(b) Advocating and mobilizing international support at the global level by identifying sources of financing and garnering donor support for the implementation of the Mauritius Strategy, including support for adaptation to climate change.

## Legislative mandates

*General Assembly resolutions*

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| 55/2 | United Nations Millennium Declaration |

## Subprogramme 1
## Least developed countries

*General Assembly resolutions*

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| 55/279 | Programme of Action for the Least Developed Countries for the Decade 2001-2010 |
| 56/227 | Third United Nations Conference on the Least Developed Countries |
| 57/276 | Third United Nations Conference on the Least Developed Countries |
| 58/228 | Third United Nations Conference on the Least Developed Countries |
| 59/244 | Third United Nations Conference on the Least Developed Countries |
| 60/228 | Third United Nations Conference on the Least Developed Countries: high-level meeting on the midterm comprehensive global review of the implementation of the Programme of Action for the Least Developed Countries for the Decade 2001-2010 |
| 61/1 | Declaration of the high-level meeting of the sixty-first session of the General Assembly on the midterm comprehensive global review of the implementation of the Programme of Action for the Least Developed Countries for the decade 2001-2010 |
| 61/211 | Third United Nations Conference on the Least Developed Countries |
| 62/203 | Third United Nations Conference on the Least Developed Countries |
| 63/227 | Implementation of the Brussels Programme of Action for the Least Developed Countries for the Decade 2001-2010 |
| 64/213 | Fourth United Nations Conference on the Least Developed Countries |

*Economic and Social Council resolutions*

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| 2002/33 | Programme of Action for the Least Developed Countries for the Decade 2001-2010 |
| 2003/17 | Programme of Action for the Least Developed Countries for the Decade 2001-2010 |
| 2004/65 | Implementation of the Programme of Action for the Least Developed Countries for the Decade 2001-2010 |

2005/44 Implementation of the Programme of Action for the Least Developed Countries for the Decade 2001-2010

2006/41 Implementation of the Programme of Action for the Least Developed Countries for the Decade 2001-2010

2007/31 Implementation of the Programme of Action for the Least Developed Countries for the Decade 2001-2010

2008/37 Implementation of the Programme of Action for the Least Developed Countries for the Decade 2001-2010

2009/31 Implementation of the Programme of Action for the Least Developed Countries for the Decade 2001-2010

*Economic and Social Council decisions*

2001/320 Programme of Action for the Least Developed Countries for the Decade 2001-2010

## Subprogramme 2
## Landlocked developing countries

*General Assembly resolutions*

56/180 Specific actions related to the particular needs and problems of landlocked developing countries

58/201 Almaty Programme of Action: Addressing the Special Needs of Landlocked Developing Countries within a New Global Framework for Transit Transport Cooperation for Landlocked and Transit Developing Countries

59/245 Specific actions related to the particular needs and problems of landlocked developing countries: outcome of the International Ministerial Conference of Landlocked and Transit Developing Countries and Donor Countries and International Financial and Development Institutions on Transit Transport Cooperation

60/208 Specific actions related to the particular needs and problems of landlocked developing countries: outcome of the International Ministerial Conference of Landlocked and Transit Developing Countries and Donor Countries and International Financial and Development Institutions on Transit Transport Cooperation

61/212 Groups of countries in special situations: specific actions related to the particular needs and problems of landlocked developing countries: outcome of the International Ministerial Conference of Landlocked and Transit Developing Countries and Donor Countries and International Financial and Development Institutions on Transit Transport Cooperation

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| 62/204 | Groups of countries in special situations: specific actions related to the particular needs and problems of landlocked developing countries: outcome of the International Ministerial Conference of Landlocked and Transit Developing Countries and Donor Countries and International Financial and Development Institutions on Transit Transport Cooperation |
| 63/2 | Outcome document of the midterm review of the Almaty Programme of Action: Addressing the Special Needs of Landlocked Developing Countries within a New Global Framework for Transit Transport Cooperation for Landlocked and Transit Developing Countries |
| 63/228 | Groups of countries in special situations: specific actions related to the particular needs and problems of landlocked developing countries: outcome of the International Ministerial Conference of Landlocked and Transit Developing Countries and Donor Countries and International Financial and Development Institutions on Transit Transport Cooperation |
| 64/214 | Groups of countries in special situations: specific actions related to the particular needs and problems of landlocked developing countries: outcome of the International Ministerial Conference of Landlocked and Transit Developing Countries and Donor Countries and International Financial and Development Institutions on Transit Transport Cooperation |

## Subprogramme 3
## Small island developing States

*General Assembly resolutions*

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| 56/198 | Further implementation of the outcome of the Global Conference on the Sustainable Development of Small Island Developing States |
| 58/213 A and B | Further implementation of the Programme of Action for the Sustainable Development of Small Island Developing States |
| 59/229 | Further implementation of the Programme of Action for the Sustainable Development of Small Island Developing States |
| 59/311 | International Meeting to Review the Implementation of the Programme of Action for the Sustainable Development of Small Island Developing States |
| 61/196 | Follow-up to and implementation of the Mauritius Strategy for the Further Implementation of the Programme of Action for the Sustainable Development of Small Island Developing States |
| 62/191 | Follow-up to and implementation of the Mauritius Strategy for the Further Implementation of the Programme of Action for the Sustainable Development of Small Island Developing States |

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| 63/213 | Follow-up to and implementation of the Mauritius Strategy for the Further Implementation of the Programme of Action for the Sustainable Development of Small Island Developing States |
| 64/199 | Follow-up to and implementation of the Mauritius Strategy for the Further Implementation of the Programme of Action for the Sustainable Development of Small Island Developing States |

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## Programme 9

## United Nations support for the New Partnership for Africa's Development

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## Overall orientation

9.1 The programme was established following the final review and appraisal of the United Nations New Agenda for the Development of Africa in the 1990s in 2002. As a result of that review, the General Assembly, by its resolution 57/7, brought to a close the New Agenda and endorsed the New Partnership for Africa's Development (NEPAD)[1] as the framework for the international community's support to African development. In its resolution 57/7, the Assembly also outlined the substantive areas and modalities for providing such support, inter alia, underscoring the need for a structure in the Secretariat in New York to review and report on the support provided by the United Nations system and the international community for the New Partnership, and on the coordinated implementation of outcomes of summits and conferences as they relate to Africa, as well as to coordinate global advocacy in support of the New Partnership. In addition, the Assembly welcomed the actions being taken at the regional level by the Economic Commission for Africa (ECA) to organize the activities of the United Nations system around thematic clusters covering the priority areas of the New Partnership and, in that regard, urged the strengthening of this process as a means of enhancing the effective response of the United Nations system in support of the New Partnership. Finally, it called upon the United Nations system to intensify its advocacy role and public information activities in support of Africa's development. Subsequently, in its resolution 57/300, the Assembly endorsed the creation of the Office of the Special Adviser on Africa and entrusted to that Office the role of coordinating both reports and advocacy in support of NEPAD. The role of the Office in supporting NEPAD has been reaffirmed by the Assembly in a series of subsequent resolutions.

9.2 At the World Summit, held at the United Nations in September 2005 (see General Assembly resolution 60/1), world leaders reaffirmed their commitment to addressing the special needs of Africa, the only continent not on track to meet any of the goals of the United Nations Millennium Declaration (see Assembly resolution 55/2) by 2015. Subsequently, world leaders reaffirmed the special needs of Africa in the political declaration adopted by the Assembly at its high-level meeting on Africa's development needs, on 22 September 2008 (see Assembly resolution 63/1). The New Partnership includes a commitment to achieving the Millennium Development Goals, which represents an important linkage with the Millennium Declaration. NEPAD thus substantially reflects the priorities in terms of meeting the special needs of Africa as set out in the Millennium Declaration, namely, supporting the political and institutional structures of emerging democracies in Africa; further building peacekeeping capacity in cooperation with regional organizations; taking special measures to address the challenges of poverty reduction and sustainable development by cancelling debt, increasing official development assistance, enhancing private capital flows and building capacities for trade; and helping Africa to build its capacity to tackle the spread of HIV/AIDS and other infectious diseases. Consequently, through its support for NEPAD, the programme will also contribute substantively to the implementation of the Millennium Development Goals in Africa.

9.3 A major barrier to Africa's development has been the persistence of conflicts in some of the countries of the region. The need to develop a comprehensive response to promoting peace and security and development has long been recognized and was articulated in the report of the Secretary-General on the causes

[1] NEPAD was formally adopted by the Heads of State and Government of the Organization of African Unity, at its thirty-seventh ordinary session, held in Lusaka in July 2001.

of conflict and the promotion of durable peace and sustainable development in Africa (A/52/871-S/1998/318). Since the issuance of that report, in 1998, a number of United Nations initiatives in Africa have been in line with the recommendations contained therein, although a great deal still needs to be done. In recognition of this, the General Assembly, by its resolution 60/223, called upon the Secretary-General to continue to monitor progress in the implementation of the recommendations. A comprehensive review of the implementation of the original 1998 recommendations is being undertaken.

9.4 In accordance with the mandate provided in the resolutions of the General Assembly, the programme aims to (a) mobilize support and galvanize the efforts of the international community for peace and development in Africa, (b) ensure that the development of Africa remains one of the main priorities of the international community, (c) promote a supportive international framework for African development efforts, (d) encourage a coordinated and effective response by the United Nations system at the policy and operational levels in support of African development and (e) strengthen and enhance South-South cooperation in support of Africa's advancement.

9.5 Regional and international efforts have focused on the implementation of NEPAD and on assisting Africa's efforts to develop a robust peace and security architecture. The programme will support those efforts through a mix of analytical work, advocacy and outreach, and by improving coordination of the work of the United Nations system in support of Africa's development.

9.6 The Office of the Special Adviser on Africa provides overall coordination and leadership of the programme, which will be the joint responsibility of the Office, ECA and the Department of Public Information.

## Subprogramme 1
## Coordination of global advocacy of and support for the New Partnership for Africa's Development

**Objective of the Organization**: To strengthen international cooperation in support of the New Partnership for Africa's Development and the achievement of the Millennium Development Goals in Africa

| Expected accomplishments of the Secretariat | Indicators of achievement |
|---|---|
| (a) Increased international community support for Africa's development, in general, and for NEPAD, in particular | (a) (i) An increase in the number of United Nations system activities in support of Africa's development<br>(ii) Increased number of international forums addressing South-South cooperation in support of Africa |
| (b) Improved United Nations coordination in providing support to Africa's development | (b) Increased number of joint initiatives in support of Africa's development undertaken by United Nations system agencies |
| (c) Increased international awareness of Africa's development issues | (c) Increased number of visits to the websites of the Office of the Special Adviser on Africa |

**Strategy**

9.7 Responsibility for subprogramme 1 is vested in the Office of the Special Adviser on Africa, which will be proactive in working closely with Member States, the African Union, the NEPAD secretariat and the entire United Nations system (including the Bretton Woods institutions) in the performance of its functions. It will encourage the building of an international infrastructure consortium, with the New Partnership for Africa's Development as the main framework, to facilitate public and private infrastructure investment in Africa and will encourage and support the initiatives of the African Union and subregional organizations aimed at preventing, mediating and resolving conflicts with the assistance of the United Nations. The Office will also continue to conduct studies and organize expert group meetings on the role of the private sector in the implementation of NEPAD, establish and maintain contacts with civil society organizations and the private sector, and encourage their participation in the implementation of NEPAD.

9.8 The subprogramme will ensure that African development issues are effectively addressed in intergovernmental debates and adequately incorporated into the resolutions emanating from that process. It will seek to raise international awareness of African development issues through advocacy and catalytic activities, participation at key forums, encouragement of United Nations system coordination, promotion of South-South cooperation and engagement with civil society and the private sector. In view of the interlinkages between peace and sustainable development in Africa, the subprogramme will continue to analyse and draw attention to the root causes of conflict in African countries, monitor early warning signals and make recommendations on steps that need to be taken to tackle violent conflicts in African countries.

9.9 The Office will continue to monitor the follow-up to international commitments made to Africa in the context of the 2005 World Summit Outcome and international forums held since 2005. It will monitor the support (including financial and technical support) given to Africa by new and emerging donors. The Office will also advocate and further raise international awareness of the importance of an effective partnership between African countries and new and emerging development partners. Furthermore, the Office will promote South-South cooperation through, inter alia, the Africa-Asia and Africa-South America cooperation processes, respectively, and provide support to other South-South forums. Through its interactions with Member States from the South, the Office will continue to encourage the convening of forums that will result in practical measures to promote South-South cooperation, with a view to enabling African countries to benefit from the sharing of experiences and potentially from technical assistance and cooperation on the part of other developing and emerging countries.

9.10 In light of the strong commitment of the African countries to improve governance through the establishment of the African Peer Review Mechanism, the Office will promote institutional capacity-building and good governance in Africa with the aim of supporting the implementation of NEPAD projects and programmes.

## Subprogramme 2
## Regional coordination of and support for the New Partnership for Africa's Development

**Objective of the Organization**: To strengthen the United Nations system-wide support for the African Union and its New Partnership for Africa's Development programme, at the regional and subregional levels, within the context of the declaration on "Enhancing United Nations-African Union Cooperation: Framework for the Ten-Year Capacity-Building Programme for the African Union"

| Expected accomplishments of the Secretariat | Indicators of achievement |
|---|---|
| (a) Enhanced coherence, coordination and cooperation among United Nations agencies and organizations in support of the implementation of the African Union's NEPAD programmes at the regional level | (a) Increased number of joint programmes implemented by the Regional Coordination Mechanism clusters in support of the African Union's NEPAD programmes at the regional level |
| (b) Enhanced cooperation among United Nations agencies/organizations and the regional economic communities in support of the implementation of the African Union's NEPAD programmes at the subregional level | (b) Increased number of coordination mechanisms established at the subregional level |

**Strategy**

9.11 Substantive responsibility for subprogramme 2 is vested in ECA. The activities under the subprogramme will be undertaken by the Economic Development and NEPAD Division. In implementing the subprogramme, ECA will work closely with other United Nations bodies at the global, regional and subregional levels, in particular with the Office of the Special Adviser on Africa and the Department of Public Information, within the context of the Regional Coordination Mechanism and its thematic clusters.

9.12 Support by United Nations agencies has increased over the years. Nevertheless, for that support to have a tangible impact, coordination and emphasis on joint activities need to be strengthened and enhanced. The strategic focus of subprogramme 2 will therefore be on strengthening inter-agency collaboration and coordination in the implementation of technical cooperation activities by the various thematic clusters in support of the priorities identified in the African Union's NEPAD action plans. The subprogramme will also focus on improving collaboration and coordination with the African Union, the NEPAD secretariat, the regional economic communities, the African Development Bank and other regional organizations, with a view to ensuring the provision of effective support in the implementation of the African Union's NEPAD programme in the context of the framework of the 10-year capacity-building programme for the African Union. It will promote and support effective, coherent and coordinated actions by United Nations agencies and organizations in support of the African Union's NEPAD programme. Moreover, the subprogramme will provide substantive and effective servicing of the annual meetings of the Regional Coordination Mechanism, including monitoring, assessing and reporting on progress in the implementation of United Nations system-wide support for the African Union and its NEPAD programme.

## Subprogramme 3
## Public information and awareness activities in support of the New Partnership for Africa's Development

**Objective of the Organization**: To raise international support for the economic, political and social development of Africa, as well as of the efforts made by Africa and the international community to promote the economic recovery and sustainable development of the region in pursuit of the goals of the New Partnership for Africa's Development and the achievement of the Millennium Development Goals

| Expected accomplishments of the Secretariat | Indicators of achievement |
|---|---|
| (a) Enhanced awareness of key thematic issues of NEPAD and other issues related to economic recovery and sustainable development in Africa | (a) (i) Increased percentage of the target audience expressing satisfaction with the materials published in *Africa Renewal*<br><br>(ii) Increased number of online news features republished as a result of continuing interest |

### Strategy

9.13 Substantive responsibility for subprogramme 3 lies with the Department of Public Information. The overall strategy involves the development of global communications plans on priority issues affecting Africa, including generating support for the implementation of NEPAD in Africa and in the donor countries, and for the achievement of the Millennium Development Goals. Those plans will be implemented by the Department in coordination with the United Nations Communications Group and the United Nations system as a whole, in particular with the Office of the Special Adviser on Africa and ECA. Activities will include publication of *Africa Renewal* magazine, together with a range of additional outputs, including Web-only news and analysis, background notes, press releases and briefing papers for use by non-United Nations media, both African and international. Dissemination to the general public and to target groups will be enhanced through direct contact (briefings, panel discussions, seminars) with individuals and groups, such as parliamentarians, policymakers in both Government and non-governmental organizations, trade unions, civil society and academic institutions, as well as through systematic outreach to the media in Africa and to the international mass media. Key players will be kept informed of major national and international initiatives and events that affect sustainable development in Africa.

## Legislative mandates

*General Assembly resolutions*

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| 54/234 | The causes of conflict and the promotion of durable peace and sustainable development in Africa |
| 55/2 | United Nations Millennium Declaration |

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| 55/210 | Implementation of the First United Nations Decade for the Eradication of Poverty (1997-2006), including the initiative to establish a world solidarity fund for poverty eradication |
| 55/214 | Third United Nations Conference on the Least Developed Countries |
| 55/217 | Causes of conflict and the promotion of durable peace and sustainable development in Africa |
| 55/279 | Programme of Action for the Least Developed Countries for the Decade 2001-2010 |
| 56/95 | Follow-up to the outcome of the Millennium Summit |
| 57/2 | United Nations Declaration on the New Partnership for Africa's Development |
| 57/7 | Final review and appraisal of the United Nations New Agenda for the Development of Africa in the 1990s and support for the New Partnership for Africa's Development |
| 57/144 | Follow-up to the outcome of the Millennium Summit |
| 57/300 | Strengthening of the United Nations: an agenda for further change |
| 58/233 | New Partnership for Africa's Development: progress in implementation and international support |
| 58/235 | Implementation of the recommendations contained in the report of the Secretary-General on the causes of conflict and the promotion of durable peace and sustainable development in Africa |
| 59/254 | New Partnership for Africa's Development: progress in implementation and international support |
| 59/255 | Implementation of the recommendations contained in the report of the Secretary-General on the causes of conflict and the promotion of durable peace and sustainable development in Africa |
| 60/222 | New Partnership for Africa's Development: progress in implementation and international support |
| 60/223 | Implementation of the recommendations contained in the report of the Secretary-General on the causes of conflict and the promotion of durable peace and sustainable development in Africa |
| 60/1 | 2005 World Summit Outcome |
| 63/1 | Political declaration on Africa's development needs |
| 63/267 | New Partnership for Africa's Development: progress in implementation and international support |
| 63/304 | Implementation of the recommendations contained in the report of the Secretary-General on the causes of conflict and the promotion of durable peace and sustainable development in Africa |

64/252 Implementation of the recommendations contained in the report of the Secretary-General on the causes of conflict and the promotion of durable peace and sustainable development in Africa

64/258 New Partnership for Africa's Development: progress in implementation and international support

*Security Council resolutions*

1170 (1998) Conflict prevention and the promotion of durable peace and security and sustainable development in Africa

1197 (1998) Support for regional and subregional initiatives on Africa and strengthening of coordination between the United Nations and regional and subregional organizations in the area of conflict prevention and maintenance of peace

*Economic and Social Council*

1998/44 Integrated and coordinated implementation and follow-up of major United Nations conferences and summits

Ministerial declaration adopted by the Council at its high-level segment of 2001